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Application Serial No.: <b>10/712,326</b>	)	Examiner: <b>Nguyen, Thanh T</b>
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Filed: <b>November 12, 2003</b>	)	
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Title: <b>Minimizing the Loss of Barrier</b>	)	
<b>Materials During Photoresist</b>	)	
<b>Stripping</b>	)	
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION,**  
**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to a final rejection mailed May 10, 2007 in the above-referenced patent application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks in light of the attached Request for Continued Examination filed under 37 CFR §1.114. Allowance of pending claims 1-21 in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10.